

Minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Wednesday 23 August 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

<u>Councillors:</u> David Aitchison

David Balfour Lorna Binnie Robert Bissett Jim Blackwood William Buchanan

Jim Flynn

Gordon Hughes (Convener)

James Kerr

Depute Provost Ann Ritchie

Officers: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator

Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer Isabel Renton, Senior Licensing Assistant

CL24. Apologies

There were no apologies.

CL25. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were intimated.

CL26. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 20 June 2017 was approved.

CL27. List of Applications Granted Under Delegated Powers in June and July 2017 and Notifications of Pending Public Processions

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing the applications granted under delegated powers between 1 June and 31 July 2017 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and notifications of pending public processions.

Decision

The committee noted the report.

CL28. Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED in terms of section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

CL29. Application for the Grant of a New Taxi Operator Licence

The applicant, Mr H entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application received for the grant of a new taxi operator licence and to the consultations and responses received.

Mr H spoke in support of his application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant the taxi operator licence for a period of one year, subject to the standard conditions.

CL30. Application for the Grant of a New Private Hire Car Driver Licence

The applicant, Mr T, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application for the grant of a new private hire car driver licence and to the consultations and responses received.

Mr T spoke in support of his application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 10.00 a.m. and reconvened at 10.05 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

The committee agreed to instruct officers to arrange for the applicant to undertake a medical; and should he fail the medical to remit the matter back to committee for consideration; should the applicant pass the medical, to authorise the Chief Governance Officer to grant the private hire car driver licence for a period of six months, subject to the standard conditions.

CL31. Applications for the Grant of 6 New Private Hire Car Operator Licences

Mr B, an employee of the applicant company, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on applications for the grant of 6 new private hire car operator licences and to the consultations and responses received.

Mr B spoke in support of the applications.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 10.10 a.m. and reconvened at 10.20 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant the 6 private hire car operator licences, subject to the standard conditions.

CL32. Application for the Variation of Street Trader Licence No.1257

The applicant, Mr D, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application for the variation of a street trader licence.

Mr D spoke in support of the application and identified on a map, the location where he proposed to trade.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 10.35 a.m. and reconvened at 10.50 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

The committee agreed to continue the application to allow further information on the proposal to be provided.

CL33. Application for the Renewal of a Second Hand Dealer Licence

The applicant, Mr Y, accompanied by his wife, Mrs Y and his neighbour, Mr B entered the meeting. Mr H, Mr S and Ms W, objectors were also in attendance.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application for the renewal of a second hand dealer licence. The report highlighted the consultations undertaken and two letters of

objection received, and referring to two DVDs submitted by one of the objectors.

The applicant advised that he had no preliminary points to make on the competency of the objections, following which these were circulated.

The applicant confirmed that he had no objection to the DVDs being shown to the committee.

Mr S, objector was heard in relation to his objection.

Mr H and Ms W, objectors were then heard in relation to their objection.

The applicant was invited to ask questions of the objectors.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

Mr Y spoke in support of his application.

Mr B, neighbour was then heard in support of the application.

Questions were asked by the objectors, Mr S and Mr H.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

Thereafter, the objectors and the applicant summed up.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 12.55 p.m. and reconvened at 1.20 p.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

The committee agreed to continue the application to a future meeting to allow an inspection of the premises to be undertaken.